

attend auctions and estate sales where he would purchase antiques. He refinished many of the treasures he discovered in his workshop, for his home or to resell. Ray was a high scoring bowler into his late 90's, bowling a 207 at the age of 95, and won the senior's league award. He is still an avid coin collector and has the latest set of the "State" quarters. Ray also loved to play pool, and often invited his friends and neighbors to play on his table in his basement.

Ray resides on Raymond Avenue in Glens Falls, New York, where his neighbors were blessed with his invariable kindness and generosity for over 50 years. He always included his neighbors' sidewalks when clearing snow with his snowblower. He was quick to assist any and all whenever he saw someone who needed aid in any fashion. It was after his 95th birthday that he told a friend that he regretfully could no longer push his snowblower or mow his lawn. Ray is a true gentleman with a great sense of humor, and a beguiling sparkle in his eyes.

Ray will be honored at an open house on Saturday July 28, 2007, at the Gansevoort Fire House, to celebrate his 100th birthday. Ray's daughter Bonnie and her husband Ralph Dow will host the party.

Madam Speaker, I would like to urge all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Ray Wood a most happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his innumerable acts of kindness to neighbors and strangers alike over his long life. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 716, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 717, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 718, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 719, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 720, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 721, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 722, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 723, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 724, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 725, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 726, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 727, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 728, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 729, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 730, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 731, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 732, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 733, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARLENE SPRINGER

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Marlene Springer, second president of the College of Staten Island, the City University of New York, on the occasion of her retirement.

Dr. Springer has served CSI as its president from 1994 through August of this year. In these 13 years of leadership, Dr. Springer advanced campus technology, established public-private partnerships, initiated an international distance education program, developed an international high school on campus, increased the College's enrollment to record levels, and strengthened academic standards.

In addition to a variety of other honors and accolades, she was selected as one of only four U.S. delegates to the Annual International Forum of Female Presidents in Higher Education in Beijing, and is also one of seven U.S. college presidents who founded The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics.

She has made CSI a recognized leader locally, nationally, and internationally; Staten Islanders are proud of her and of "their college."

I would like to publicly thank Dr. Springer for her outstanding leadership, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HERB D. KELLEHER'S RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an aviation legend who recently announced his plan to retire next May. Herb Kelleher is a founder of Southwest Airlines and currently serves as its Executive Chairman, a position that he has held since the spring of 1978. From the fall of 1981 to the summer of 2001, Kelleher also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines.

Southwest started its operations in 1971 with just three airplanes. Today, it operates a fleet of 489 airplanes with orders for many more 737s. Home-based at Dallas Love Field, I am proud to represent many Southwest Airlines employees that live in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas. Southwest Airlines has been profitable for 34 consecutive years, a feat that is impressive for any business, but for an airline to be profitable for 34 consecutive years, given all of the challenges and tough competition in the aviation industry, is truly impressive. Southwest Airlines prides itself on never having furloughed an employee during its history.

Kelleher's vision for Southwest Airlines was not to produce a company that would just re-

turn profits to its shareholders—but for a company that has the respect and admiration of those who purchase the tickets and go to work everyday for the company. For the 10th year in a row, Fortune magazine honored Southwest Airlines in its annual survey of corporate reputations. Furthermore, among all industries in 2006, Fortune has also ranked Southwest Airlines as number three among America's Top Ten most admired corporations.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Herb for many years, and I wish him all the very best for a well-earned retirement next year. However, knowing Herb, he will continue to work very hard for Southwest Airlines until the day that he leaves the office for the last time. He may be leaving the airline that he helped to create, but his legacy will never leave the spirit that is Southwest Airlines.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on July 24, 2007, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall No. 692, an amendment to the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, H.R. 3074. I intended to vote "no" on the amendment, which would impose an unacceptable cut to Amtrak. I am pleased that my colleagues did not support this amendment, and I congratulate the gentleman from Massachusetts, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Chairman JOHN OLVER who provided such important support for transportation and Amtrak.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Fayetteville, NC, I rise today to pay tribute to their upcoming celebration on September 6–8 in honor of Marquis de Lafayette. Fayetteville, the first City in the United States named for Lafayette, will rightly celebrate Lafayette's 250th birthday with great celebration and splendor. In honor of this special time, I am entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this special tribute which details the relationship between Fayetteville and Lafayette. Happy Birthday to Lafayette and congratulations to the City of Fayetteville, NC!

Marquis de Lafayette, born on September 6, 1757, is considered a national hero in both France and the United States for his participation in the American and French Revolutions, and is one of only six Honorary Citizens of the United States, and whose portrait, along with that of our first President George Washington, hangs in this very chamber.

Lafayette served heroically and with distinction during the American Revolution both as a general and as a diplomat, offering his services as an unpaid volunteer.